

REMARKS

Examination of the present divisional application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is respectfully requested.

The present application is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/713,018 (the "parent application"), filed on November 16, 2000. In the present preliminary amendment, Applicant has amended the specification to cross-reference the parent application.

The Examiner should note that the present application includes original claims 1 – 5 and 15-29. These claims correspond to the non-elected Groups I, III, IV, V, VI and VII claims that were withdrawn from consideration and later cancelled in the April 8, 2002 response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement in the parent application. Claims 6-14 were the Group II claims elected in response to the above Restriction Requirement in the parent application. Therefore, claims 6–14 have been cancelled in the present application.

In view of the above remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due, permission is hereby given to charge any unforeseen fees to deposit account 50-1147

Respectfully submitted,



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